Special Syllabi for Schools

1034. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attempts are being made to introduce an alternative special syllabi in Primary and Secondary schools in certain States of Northern region; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trivandrum as a Model Station

1035. SHRI A CHARLES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far for making the Trivandrum Central Station as a model station; and

(b) the target date by which the modernisation work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 104.15 lakh upto January, 1992.

(b) Works are expected to be completed by December , 1992.

[*Translation*]

Encouragement of Official Language in Medical and Technological Education

1036. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage the use of official language Hindi in the medical and technological education in all Universities gradually;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the arrangements being made for Hindi translation of text books and reference books of medical and technology for implementing the policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In pursuance of the directive of the Parliament a programme to produce suitable standard books in Hindi and Regional Languages was launched in 1968 to facilitate the changeover to Indian languages as the medium of instruction at the University level and to make available text books and reference books in Science and Technology, medicine, engineering and agriculture. Under this Scheme Financial Assistance is provided to the concerned state Governments and University Cells.

The Commission for Scientific and Technological Terminology (CSTT), a subordinate office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been entrusted with the production of books in Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture, as also to monitor the activities of book production by State Governments and University Cells.

Moreover, the CSTT has been engaged in Evolution/Updation of technical terms, preparation of Definitional Dictionaries, Orientation Training to University/College Teachers and Computerisation of Terminology.

Leprosy Control

1037. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
Will the Minister of HUMAN AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: